(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is a Supreme Court directive in place that no hospital should turn away any patient without giving any first aid; and

(d) if so, whether the above-mentioned directive was in the knowledge of the authorities of the RML Hospital ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir.

MCI proposals for Medical Colleges

4543. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Medical Council of India sends approved proposals for Medical Colleges to Government for clearance and issue of a letter of intent;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) number and names of all such approved proposals of MCI which are currently pending with Government for issue of letters of intent;

(d) whether the appropriate letters of intent or sanction or appropriate clearance letters are being issued; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Under the provision of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and the Regulations made thereunder, the Medical Council of India evaluate the proposals for starting of new Medical Colleges and sends its recommendations for issue of Letter of Intent/Permission. This is an ongoing process and Government take appropriate action as and when the recommendations are received. As on date, only one such recommendation for issue of Letter of Intent in case of Meenakshi Ammal Trust, Chennai is pending. The matter is under process and Letter of Intent will be issued after taking the approval of the competent authority.